

House Resolution 674

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Everson of the 106th, Sellier of the 136th, Abrams of the 84th, Day of the 163rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's National Guard troops; recognizing March 5, 2009, as National
2 Guard Day at the state capitol; inviting Major General William T. Nesbitt to appear before
3 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1773, the Georgia militia, now the Georgia National
5 Guard, has had a significant role in the defense of the colony, state, and nation; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout history, Americans have been called upon to defend our nation's
7 liberties and freedoms, and the men and women of the Georgia National Guard have served
8 with dedication and valor to defend this nation and secure the freedoms we hold dear today;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia Army National Guard members have served on active duty in support
11 of the Global War on Terrorism, serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other Middle
12 Eastern locations as well as at military bases across the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia National Guard have been ready when our fellow
14 Georgians needed assistance during hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard extends a helping hand to local communities
16 through civic action programs that place Georgia National Guard resources and know-how
17 at the disposal of local communities; and

18 WHEREAS, the future of the Georgia National Guard rests upon Georgians who embody the
19 values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do"; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard remains a professional, prepared, and highly trained
21 organization, tested by crises, and more than able to respond at home or abroad; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard offers outstanding opportunities for education in
23 numerous specialties and provides scholarships which enable its members to earn college
24 degrees; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard continues to add value to the State of Georgia and
26 communities through its Youth Challenge Academy, the STARBASE program, the
27 Counterdrug Task force, and its ongoing State Partnership with the Republic of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force, the third leg of the Georgia Department of
29 Defense, continues to provide trained volunteers to backfill in critical areas for Georgia
30 Guardsmen called to active duty.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body wholeheartedly commend Georgia's National Guard troops as they
33 risk and sacrifice their lives for the safety of Americans at home, its citizens abroad, and the
34 native citizens of foreign countries they protect; recognize March 5, 2009, as National Guard
35 Day at the state capitol; and invite Major General William T. Nesbitt to appear before the
36 House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia National Guard
39 and to Major General William T. Nesbitt.